Smt. VASANTALATA V. MIRJANKAR.—May I know whether the estimates have been prepared for the improvement of Kumta-Siddapur road ?

†**Sri G. B. SHANKARA RAO.**—Estimates have been prepared by the Department.

Smt. VASANTALATA V. MIRJANKAR.—Is it not a fact that this road is taken up under Central funds ?

Sri G. B. SHANKARA RAO.—Yes.

Smt. VASANTALATA V. MIRJANKAR.—What is the share of the State Government ?

Sri G. B. SHANKARA RAO.—50 per cent of the estimated cost is borne by the Government of India and the rest will have to be met by the State Government.

Smt. VASANTALATA V. MIRJANKAR.—May I know when this work was taken up and what is the progress so far ?

Sri G. B. SHANKARA RAO.—The exact date is not known, but the work is in progress. So far, we have spent about Rs. 17 lakhs and odd.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವಸಂತಲತಾ ವಿ. ಮಿರ್ಜಾಂಕರ್.—ಈ ರಸ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ಎಷ್ಟು ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ನುಗಳಾಗಿ ವಿಂಗಡಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಾ ? ಅದರ ಅಂದಾಜು ಎಷ್ಟು ?

Sri G. B. SHANKARA RAO.—This entire road is divided into three sections. The estimate of sections 1 and 2 is Rs. 16 lakhs.

Kudurekonda and Palavanahally Gold Mines in Honnali Taluk.

*Q.—719. **Sri D. PARAMESHWARAPPA** (Honnali).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the existence of Gold Mines at Kudurekonda and Palavanahally in Honnali Taluk ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Geological Survey was conducted about 50 years ago or subsequently ;

(*c*) if so, the result of the survey made may be furnished ;

(*d*) whether the Government would think of working these Gold Mines ?

A.—**Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN** (Deputy Minister for Mines and Geology).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Mining operations conducted in the area showed that the deposit was not worth economic exploitation.

(*d*) No.

Sri D. PARAMESHWARAPPA.—May I know in which year the survey was conducted ?

†Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—The Department of Mines and Geology, Mysore, conducted some prospecting operations in the year 1941.

Sri SIDDAIAH KASHIMATH.—May I know what is the percentage of gold deposit found in that area ?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—It was four penny-weight and odd.

Sri D. PARAMESHWARAPPA.—Is the Government aware that one Europen Company, *viz.*, Young & Co., was working in this Mines about 80 years ago ?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—As far as the Government know, two foreign firms, *viz.*, Hamley Mining Co., and the Hamley Syndicate Co., did mining work in the year 1885.

Sri D. PARAMESHWARAPPA.—Has any survey been conducted during recent years to ascertain that the time is ripe for the working of these mines ?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—It was done in 1941, but the Government survey could not be done.

Sri D. PARAMESHWARAPPA.—Would you like to place the report of the Geological Survey team before the House to avoid misconception and misgivings ?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—So far as the foreign companies are concerned, we do not have their survey reports. As far as our Department is concerned, survey is not complete and so no survey report can be placed.

Sri GANJI VEERAPPA.—Has the Government taken the help of John Tayler & Co., or some other experts in mining in this regard ?

Sri MAQSOOD ALI KHAN.—Regarding the survey, no help has been taken.

Defaulters whose amount of loans is in excess of Rs. 1,500 in the Service Co-operative Societies of Halasur and Harihara in Kanakapura Taluk.

*Q.—605 Sri S. KARIAPPA (Kanakapura).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of defaulters whose amount of loans is in excess of Rs. 1,500 (in each case), in the Service Co-operative Societies o Halasur and Harihara in Kanakapura Taluk ;

(*b*) the period of default in each case ;

(*c*) the steps they have taken to recover the loans that have so fallen due ?

A.—Sri KONDAJJI BASAPPA (Deputy Minister for Co-operation).—

(*a*) Four in Halasur Service Co-operative Society and nine in Harihara Service Co-operative Society.